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In re Application of :  
VON SCHUCKMANN, Alfred, et al. :  
U.S. Application No.: 09/646,140 :  
PCT No.: PCT/SE99/00416 :  
International Filing Date: 16 March 1999 :  
Priority Date: 17 March 1998 :  
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For: INHALATION DEVICE :

## COMMUNICATION

Applicants filed "Response to Notice Regarding Declaration," on 10 May 2002 with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

### BACKGROUND

On 16 March 1999, applicants filed international application PCT/SE99/00416, which claimed a priority date of 17 March 1998 and which designated the United States. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent And Trademark Office ("USPTO") by the International Bureau ("IB") on 23 September 1999.

On 13 September 2000, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee.

On 17 October 2000, the Office mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating, *inter alia*, that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 (a)-(b) and the fee for late filing of the oath or declaration were required.

On 15 November 2000, applicants filed Response to Notification of Missing Requirements, accompanied by, *inter alia*, a combined declaration and power of attorney and the fee for late filing of the declaration.

On 20 April 2001, applicants filed the request to amend the "filing date" to 13 September 2000.

On 01 March 2001, the Office mailed Notification refusing the request for a corrected filing receipt and requiring a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

On 10 May 2002, applicants submitted the instant response accompanied by, *inter alia*, a declaration and a certificate of first class mailing indicating that the papers were deposited in first class mail on 01 May 2002.

**DISCUSSION**

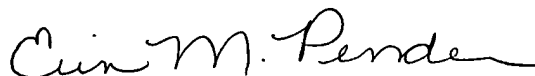
Applicants have submitted a new declaration executed by Alfred von Shuckmann. It lists all the inventors and lists Mr. Von Shuckmann's citizenship, address and residence. It complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

**CONCLUSION**

The application has an international filing date of 16 March 1999 under 35 U.S.C. §363 and a date of 10 May 2002 under 35 U.S.C. §371. This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of the PCT Operations for continued processing.



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